

## FIRE ON AMERICAN STEAMER IN CHINA

Captain Wounded From One of Volleys Poured Into Ship.

### PASSENGERS UNHURT

Skipper Sends Every One Below Decks When Shooting Commences.

[By Associated Press.] SHANGHAI, Aug. 19.—The American river steamer Alice Dollar was fired on August 15, near Paochow, on the upper Yangtze River, and her captain, G. Crum, was slightly wounded, according to advices received by the Robert Dollar Company here from Ichang, Province of Hupeh.

Volleys were poured into the Alice Dollar from the banks, presumably by troops of both Northern and Southern forces, which have been reported firing at one another on this river. Hundreds of bullets struck the American steamer, but only the captain was wounded.

Captain Crum sent all passengers below the decks when the shooting started. The scene of the firing is the famous gorge district of the Yangtze River, along whose stretches Northern and Southern troops have been fighting and raiding the countryside since Yuan Sen sent his army northward several months ago in an ineffectual drive against the Peking line. The locality of the disturbances is about 800 miles up the river from Shanghai.

The attack on the Alice Dollar is the second instance of Chinese partisans firing on the American flag during the last few weeks. On July 14 a Standard Oil barge was the target for a volley of bullets near Canton.

### ONE KILLED, SIX HURT, IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

[By United News.] WILMINGTON, DEL., Aug. 19.—One man was killed and six were seriously injured by the overturning of a motor car on the highway, near Wilmington, early this morning. The dead man is Joseph Albin, 29, this city, who died instantly.

All six of the injured are residents of this city. The car upset when the car Albin was driving locked wheels with a heavy motor truck it was attempting to pass.

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## EIGHTY THOUSAND PERSONS SEE BETTER HOMES EXHIBITS

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daily to the public for a demonstration in which dignity and character of furniture, draperies and fixtures were exemplified as to brand those responsible as absolute geniuses in interior home planning. Praise for the wonderful achievement went to J. E. Delfelle, chairman of the "Better Homes Electrical" Committee, who personally selected all the furnishings and supervised their installation. To W. B. Carlett is due thanks for the arrangement and installation of the most modern electrical equipment obtainable.

### Not a Detail Lacking.

From attic to basement, from lawn to garage, not a detail is lacking at either house. When the "Better Homes Electrical" idea was advanced by the Dispatch Papers, representatives of the electrical shops, furniture and department stores were quickly "sold" on the plan. Committees were formed to carry out the movement, and two brand-new homes secured for the demonstration. Mr. De Belle, heading the committee in charge of furnishing and equipping the houses, was given the run of the stores and told to take what he wanted. Decorations, hangings, furnishings, dishes, linen, silverware, electric novelties and necessities and other details were worked out with the idea of a harmonious whole that would spell comfort without ostentation. Consequently in the ensemble every visitor, no matter what his or her station in life may be, found a concrete example of how to make the home more beautiful in a reasonable manner.

It was not merely two furnished dwellings that were thrown open to the critical inspection of thousands. There is a human touch to both places that added immensely to their charm and drove home the

Sydnor & Hundley; the electrical men by Mr. Carlett, and the department stores by Irving May, of Thalheimer Brothers.

The opening day saw fully 10,000 visitors, and the following Sunday almost as many more were entertained in the two houses. Before the tenth day, the 50,000 mark had been reached, this being the goal set by the most optimistic backers of the movement. The final half of the exhibition period brought in 25,000 more, while the lowest estimate of 5,000 for today brings the grand total to approximately 80,000 adults. Thousands of children, too, took advantage of the demonstration, so that the influence of it will be felt by still another generation.

## HAULING OF COAL CLOSE TO NORMAL

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and believes the warning against profiteering will be adhered to by all handlers of coal. There is no occasion for any one getting alarmed about the coal supply and paying fancy prices," said the State administrator yesterday.

The Industrial Service Corporation of Virginia, located at Hopewell, and which furnishes water to approximately 10,000 people and also furnishes water for the protection for the industrial plants and residences of Hopewell, notified the State Fuel Administrator that its last carload of coal had been complicated by a railroad company, and that it was using dust and dirt to keep its plant in operation. The company's predicament was reported to Washington and relief is on the way.

Orders in Norton District. H. B. Spencer, Federal Fuel Distributor, yesterday advised Major Forward that some orders for domestic coal and emergency orders for utilities from the Washington office have been placed in the Norton district of Virginia, instead of the usual fields supplying them. While this coal movement in some instances will take higher freight rates, the West Virginia fields have been so crowded with priority orders that the chances of getting the coal from the Norton field is much greater.

The usual procedure of business went on yesterday at Major Forward's office. He received a number of requests for coal, and sent orders on to Washington. He was likewise advised of the approval of several orders and was informed by several orders, and was informed by the committee in the field that orders had been received from Washington which will have prompt attendance.

Farmer Accused of Peonage. ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Brode Wilkins, well-known farmer of this county, was brought before United States Commissioner Thomas R. Morgan here yesterday, on a charge of peonage and was released on bond of \$15.

He will be given a preliminary hearing here August 23. He is charged with keeping Robert Bellinger, a negro farm hand, in his service against Bellinger's will.

## RALPH E. CUMMINGS WILL PUT ON STOCK IN YONKERS

Miss Fowler Is Leading Woman for Company in Edmonton, Canada—Miss Lowe on Pacific Coast and Louis Kracke in Cast of "Irene."

Kay Laurell, one of the most famous of the Zigfeld beauties and recipient of roams of publicity for the debt manner in which she has rejected millions, is to play ingenue leads in a repertoire of new being organized for the Warburton Theatre, Yonkers, N. Y., by Ralph E. Cummings, remembered here as the director of Miss Isabelle Lowe and the Academy Players. This information was received last night in a letter to The Dispatch from Mr. Cummings.

Kay Laurell has been given prominence in several of Flo Zigfeld's best productions and he paraded his beauty behind the footlights of the New Amsterdam to distinct advantage.

Several months ago a rather lengthy New York "Times" article closed the purpose of Miss Laurell, who recently returned from Europe, to venture the study of historical and dramatic expression. She has sought Mr. Cummings as her instructor. The director stated that he is negotiating with another actress to play the "heavy" leads, one said to be of national note, and is confident of assembling a company as capable as that which entertained the players of Richmond earlier this year.

It is the policy of Mr. Cummings to try new plays for New York producers. The novel idea of the "on the dog" stock company has met favorable acclaim from the Broadway magnates and will enable Mr. Cummings to present programs of strictly new material.

Mr. Cummings stated that Miss Almeda Fowler, formerly of the Academy Players, is now leading woman for a prospering company in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. It is probable

that she will join the company of Mr. Cummings at the termination of her present engagement.

Louis Kracke, the Richmond product, has signed a contract for a role in the musical comedy, "Irene," and will be on the road this season.

It is said that Miss Lowe and John Miljan are playing stock in San Francisco with Crichton Hale, brother-in-law of the former and erstwhile of the movies.

The consistently excellent productions of Mr. Cummings gained him many friends in Richmond who undoubtedly will be gratified to learn of his Northern success.

To Run for Treasurer. J. A. Leach, former Commissioner of the Revenue for the upper district of Henrico County, who was only thirty-three years behind L. H. Kemp, Sr., in the race for county treasurer in 1915, yesterday announced that he would be a candidate for treasurer of Henrico County, and will seek nomination at the August, 1923, primary.

Leave for New York. Misses Ethel Hobson and Virginia Lawrence, accompanied by Mrs. Benjamin Telford, left last evening to spend a few weeks in New York and Atlantic City. The party will also be the guests of Mrs. Ed. de Baeeke, of Philadelphia. Mrs. De Baeeke was formerly Miss Lois Hobson, of this city.

French Historian Passes Away. PARIS, Aug. 19.—Ernest Lavisse, historian, and member of the French Academy, died today. He was born in 1842.

## ORGANIZE OFFICERS' RESERVE CORPS HERE

Meeting Will Be Held in Blues' Armory Friday for the Purpose.

Lieutenant-Colonel William I. Lee, engineer officers' reserve corps, of Richmond, is organizing an association of reserve officers of Virginia. Like associations are being formed in all the States of the Union. A meeting will be held at the Blues' Armory Friday night at 8 o'clock. Delegates will be selected to attend the convention to be held in Washington, D. C., during September to organize a national reserve officers' association representing all the State associations. These associations have the approval and active support of the War

## KANAWHA CONFAB BREAKS UP QUICKLY

[By Associated Press.] CHARLESTON, W. VA., Aug. 19.—The wage scale conference of the committees representing the Kanawha Coal Operators' Association and District No. 17, United Mine Workers, broke up today after a short meeting because of inability to agree in regard to "check-off," the "open shop" and provisions for the men now at work.

## Build Your Own Garage and Save Storage Costs

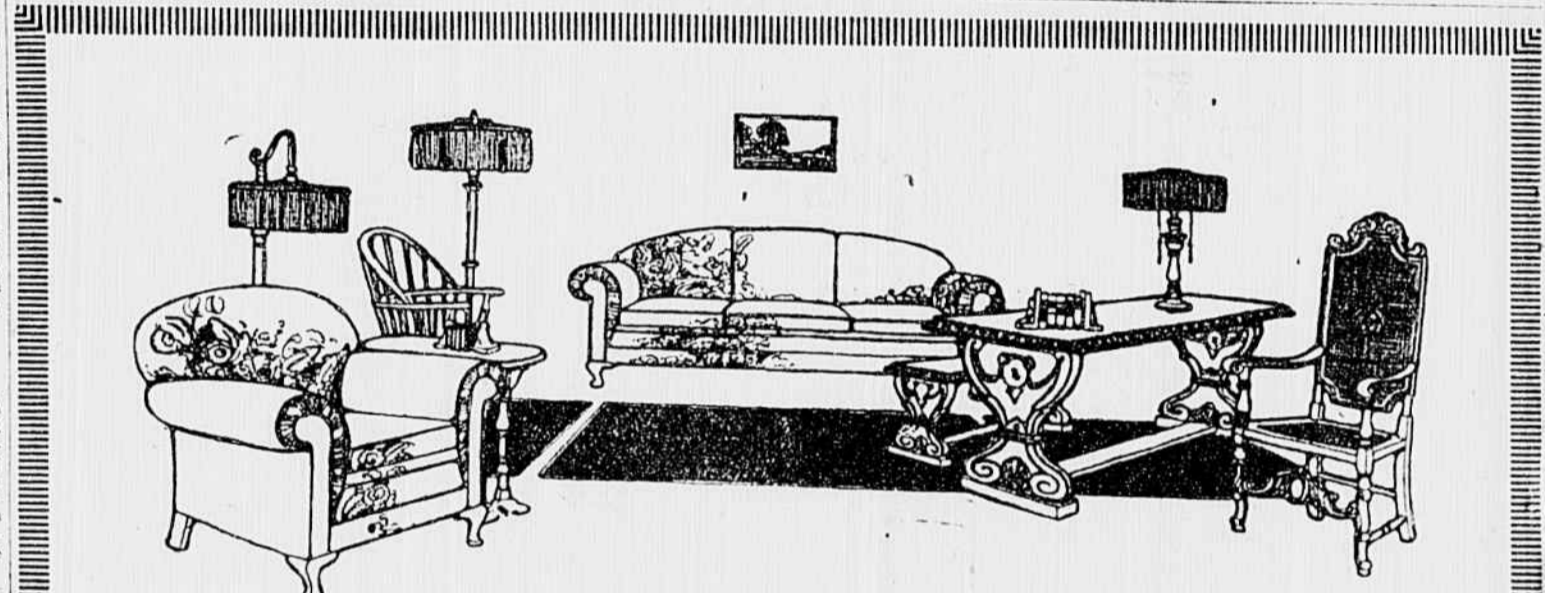
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## Odd Pieces

Individualize a Room

Odd pieces tend toward individual treatment in interior decoration. They lend a personal touch and put character into a room. Especially is this true of the living-room. And you will be surprised at the happy effect these odd pieces will produce, providing, of course, there is a sense of harmony.

## Fine Rugs For the Many

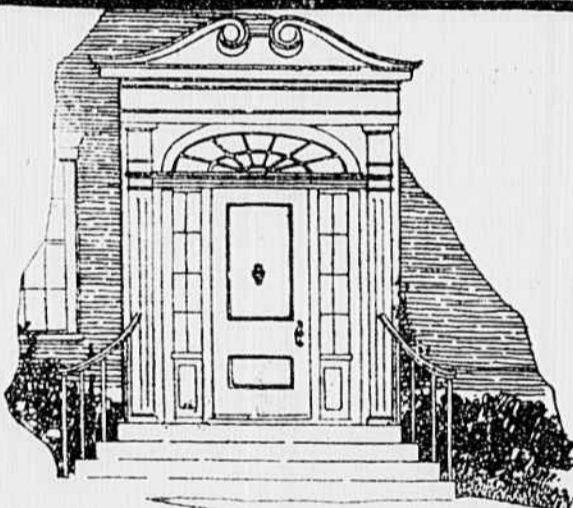
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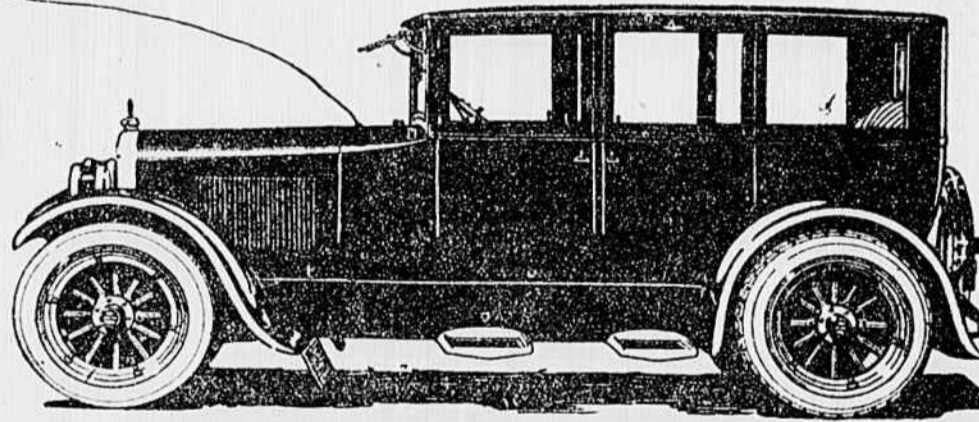
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